

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the present application. No claims have been amended, added or canceled. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 121

The Office Action requires a restriction to one of the following sets of claims:

- I. Claims 1-6, 10, 12-17 and 21-26, drawn to scanning a bill and processing bill payments, classified in class 705, subclass 40; and
- II. Claims 7-9, 11, 18-20 and 27-29, drawn to scanning tax forms, supporting documents, and processing tax forms, classified in class 705, subclass 31.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect invention I, claims 1-6, 10, 12-17 and 21-26, for examination without traverse.

Claims 7-9, 11, 18-20 and 27-29, directed to non-elected invention II, stand withdrawn from consideration. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to invention II at an appropriate time.

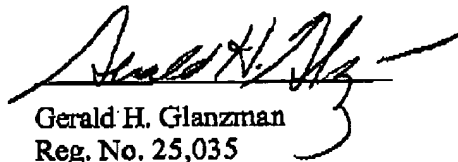
Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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